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MEMBERS OF LOCAL DRUG TRAFFICKING ORGANIZATION INDICTED

Operation Lions Pride nets eight arrests

Lafayette, Louisiana . . . United States Attorney Donald W. Washington and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Special Agent in Charge in New Orleans Michael A. Holt announced the arrests of eight individuals this morning who are charged with various drug related crimes. The defendants were charged in a 17-count indictment in November 2006. An indictment is merely an accusation and a defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

The arrests are the result of an investigation by the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) into a local cocaine, marijuana and crack distribution organization. The investigation is known as "Operation Lions Pride". The investigation and arrests involved the cooperative efforts of various federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies, including U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, & Explosives, Lafayette Metro Narcotics Task Force, and Texas Department of Public Safety.

A list of those indicted and arrested is below:

NAME	AGE HOMETOWN	CHARGE
ALEXANDER, Eric Joseph	Age 30 Lafayette, La	Conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute cocaine, cocaine base, and marijuana; possession of marijuana with intent to distribute; attempt to possess marijuana with intent to distribute; unlawful use of communication facility; possession with intent to distribute cocaine; possession of a firearm during and in relation to a drug trafficking crime; possession of firearm by convicted felon; continuing criminal enterprise; forfeiture.
ALEXANDER, Francisca Wiltz	Age 29 Lafayette, La	Conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute cocaine, cocaine base, and marijuana; forfeiture
MALBREAUX, Bryan Lee	Age 24 Lafayette, La	Conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute cocaine, cocaine base, and marijuana; possession with intent to distribute cocaine; forfeiture
DELGADO, Maria Aide	Age 41 Weslaco, Tx	Conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute cocaine, cocaine base, and marijuana; unlawful use of communication facility; Distribution of cocaine; possession of firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime; forfeiture
WYATT, Michael Scott	Age 40 Lafayette, La	Conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute cocaine, cocaine base, and marijuana; forfeiture
NEVEU, Barry Joseph	Age 33 Lafayette, La	Conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute cocaine, cocaine base, and marijuana; forfeiture
DUGAS, Wendy Hossley	Age 41 Lafayette, La	Conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute cocaine, cocaine base, and marijuana; forfeiture
EAGLIN, Yvette Francis	Age 37 Breux Bridge, La	Conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute cocaine, cocaine base, and marijuana; unlawful use of a communication facility; forfeiture

OCDETF is the nation's primary tool for disrupting and dismantling major drug trafficking organizations. OCDETF leaders develop national and regional level drug trafficking targets, and coordinate the necessary law enforcement entities and resources to disrupt or dismantle the targeted criminal

organization and seize their assets.

If convicted, the defendants face sentences ranging from ten years to life imprisonment.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Brett L. Grayson.

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